
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

MEETING SUMMARY

Friday, December 16, 2005

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room

155 N. Occidental Blvd.-Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gordon Bunch	David Giugni*
Michael Green	Philip Hendricks
J. Russell Kieffer*	Jeffrey King
Lori Laubacher	Miguel Martinez
Vicky Ortega*	Daniel Rivas
Ricki Rosales	Sophia Rumanes
Sabel Samone	Kathy Watt
Tim Young	

ABSENT

Jeff Bailey
Regina Brandon
Richard Browne
Manuel Cortez
Dani Mejia
Elizabeth Mendia
Veronica Morales
Vanessa Talamantes
Richard Zaldivar**

*Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

**Denotes arrived after first roll call and left before closing roll call

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Chi-Wai Au Elizabeth Escobedo Mike Janson Pamela Ogata John Mesta Jane Rohde

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 9:23 AM and a quorum was present.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2005 MEETING AGENDA

Motion #1: The DRAFT December 16, 2005 Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2005 MEETING SUMMARY

Motion #2: The DRAFT November 3, 2005 PPC Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved by consensus.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- David Creswell, UCLA Department of Psychology, announced the Department of Psychology at UCLA would be conducting a research study designed to promote relaxation and reduce stress for individuals living with HIV. Flyers are available on the back table.

V. "COUNTYWIDE RISK ASSESSMENT SURVEY (CRAS) TREND ANALYSIS 2001-2004 PRESENTATION"

Presented by Mike Janson, OAPP, shared findings and trends from the data gathered from the period of 2001 through 2004 from the Countywide Risk Assessment Survey.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled "Countywide Risk Assessment Survey: A Trend Analysis of a Large-Scale Multi-Site Survey in Los Angeles County 2001-04" is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

VI. PRESENTATION – “HIV BEHAVIORAL SURVEILLANCE AMONG AMERICAN INDIANS/ALASKAN NATIVES”

Presented by Juli-Ann Carlos, HIV/EPI, who shared findings from a behavioral surveillance report which defined behavioral surveillance, summarized National HIV Behavioral Surveillance System in Los Angeles County, reviewed secondary data of American Indians/Alaskan Natives living in Los Angeles County and discussed goals of HIV Behavioral Surveillance for American Indians/Alaskan Natives.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled “HIV Behavioral Surveillance Among Native Americans in Los Angeles County” is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Operations** – Tim Young reported the PPC Annual Planning Meeting is scheduled for January 19th and January 20th at the West Hollywood Hyatt Hotel.
- **Evaluation** – David Giugni reported the Evaluation Subcommittee reviewed the raw data from the Heterosexual Males at Sexual Risk provider surveys. The summary and findings will be presented to the PPC.
- **Standards and Best Practices** – Jeffrey King reported the Venue Based Task Force Recommendations were reviewed, a Crystal Meth Task Force update was provided and Standards & Best Practices continues to work on staffing competencies for HIV Counseling and Testing Staff. Jeffrey King provided some background on the HIV infection rate among African American MSM in Los Angeles County.

Motion #5: Jeffrey King made a motion to create or develop an ad-hoc committee/task force to work with PPC to address HIV issues among African American MSM in Los Angeles County. The motion was seconded by Ricki Rosales. The motion passed by consensus. The African American MSM Task Force is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 10:00 AM at In The Meantime Men’s Group. Ramon (community member), Ricki Rosales, Sophia Rumanes, Tim Young, Kathy Watt, Kafi Battersby and Jeffrey King volunteered to participate in the Task Force.

- **Crystal Meth Task Force** – Tim Young reported the Crystal Meth Task Force has met twice (11/08 and 12/13) and are in the process of drafting recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled at The Wall – Las Memorias. Contact Tim Young for the date of the next meeting.

VIII. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Ricki Rosales introduced and welcomed Philip Hendricks, Sabel Samone, Vicky Ortega and J. Russell Kieffer to the PPC.

Motion #3a: Open nominations for Community Co-Chair, Kathy Watt was nominated at the November 3, 2005 PPC Meeting. Motion passed by consensus.

Motion #3b: Close nominations for Community Co-Chair. No additional candidates identified. Motion passed by consensus.

Motion #3c: Election of Kathy Watt as PPC Community Co-Chair. Motion passed.

Motion #4: Ricki Rosales made a motion to extend Jeff Bailey’s membership on the Urban Coalition of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS). The motion was seconded by Richard Zaldivar. The motion passed by consensus.

Ricki Rosales reported he attended the California HIV Planning Group (CHPG) Steering Committee Meeting and one of the main topics for next year will be the African American MSM issue. Additionally, the Care and Prevention Integration Task Force (CPITF) theme for the last meeting was Counseling and Testing. The CPITF forwarded recommendations to the California State Office of AIDS that will improve counseling and testing in California. The CPITF’s theme for next year will be Prevention with Positives.

- IX. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIR REPORT** – Michael Green reported on Tuesday the Board of Supervisors voted to accept the proposal to separate/create a Public Health Department separate from the Department of Health Services. The proposed official split is tentatively scheduled for January 13th.

Sophia Rumanes reported on the UCHAPS Meeting in Los Angeles on November 12th and November 13th. Some of the topics covered were: Prevention with Positives, African-American MSM, Ryan White Care Act Principles, FDA's Condom Labeling Language, Re-Thinking the National Prevention Goal (reducing the HIV infection rate by 50% by the year 2010), and more.

Kathy Watt reported the date to transition from code based to names based HIV reported is 2009 (with a 10 year ban) and reporting only actual living HIV/AIDS cases. AIDS Action is encouraging California's elected officials to draft/develop some type of legislation.

Sophia Rumanes reported press releases are circulating about discordant HIV Oral Rapid Test results (an increase number of false positives). Overall, the Oral Rapid Test is working as expected. The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center has decided to use the finger stick Rapid test only (not oral swab rapid test).

Sophia Rumanes reported the Department of Health Services launched INSPOTLA.ORG on December 14th. Lori Laubacher, STD Programs, reported INSPOTLA.ORG is a mechanism for any person who tests positive for any sexually transmitted disease to notify/inform their partners of exposure to an STD (including HIV). An electronic e-card (depending on the disease) can be sent to their partners.

X. LUNCH/RECOGNITIONS

Lunch was provided and a recognition for the members cycling off of the PPC. A plaque was presented to Chi-Wai Au and Richard Zaldivar. The wording on the plaques, "The Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee commends (*NAME*) for his outstanding vision, dedication and commitment to excellence. The guidance and leadership provided to the Prevention Planning process is deeply appreciated". Both Mr. Au and Mr. Zaldivar thanked the PPC and OAPP. Acknowledgements were made for three other members cycling off: Jeff Bailey, Elizabeth Mendia and Vanessa Talamantes.

XI. INTRODUCTION/DESCRIPTION OF 2-DAY PLANNING MEETING

- **2-Day Planning Meeting (Expected Outcomes)**

Dr. Michael Green announced this meeting, today, is part one of the Annual Planning Meeting. This meeting is being used as an opportunity to re-cap the 2005 calendar year Colloquia Presentations as a reminder of the issues that have been presented and some of the data which has been presented. The two-day planning meeting will occur in mid-January, 2006. The expected outcome of the two-day planning meeting is for the PPC to address issues, trends, public policy that the PPC feels needs to be addressed in the next 12 months.

- **Overview/Summary of Colloquia Presentations**

Dr. Rose Veniegas provided a summary of the Colloquia Presentations for the past 12 months. A copy of the Power Point presentation titled, "2005 PPC & CHIPTS Colloquia on HIV Prevention Research" is attached. In the Planning Meeting Binders are copies of the actual Colloquia Presentations given in calendar year 2005 (behind the Goldenrod sheet). All of the Colloquia Presentations are posted on the CHIPTS website. From the perspective of the 2004-2008 HIV Prevention Plan Table of Contents, the topics addressed through Colloquia Presentations in calendar year 2005 included specific priority populations (i.e. WSR, Transgender Women at Sexual Risk, and Youth and HIV Risk Behaviors). Other areas of topics addressed through the Colloquia Presentations were specific interventions (i.e. internet interventions, Virtual Sex Project, evaluation of interventions to address health disparities and AIDS prevention among Latinos and Latinas in SPA 5). Evaluation topics were also addressed during the 2005 Colloquia Presentations (i.e. What are new Emerging interventions? What are the implications of specific strategies for promoting HIV testing in Los Angeles County?).

Prevention Plan topics not addressed in the 2005 Colloquia Presentations are: aspects of community planning (parity, inclusion and representation), HIV Epidemiological Profile, Community Assessment (community Needs Assessment) and Geographic Snapshot (demographic and disease burden profile).

As the PPC moves forward with the Annual Planning Meeting,

1. What are other priority populations the PPC would like see addressed in the research colloquia?
2. Will these continue to be the priority populations the PPC continues to focus on in the future?
3. What are the planning implications of the preliminary findings from the transgender women's study?
4. What other interventions are on the horizon?
5. What are the other evaluation issues that should be covered?

There was a lengthy discussion regarding recruiting and engaging the community in the prevention planning process. Suggestions ranged from have one meeting per year in each SPA, to the PPC hosting meetings at CBOs to meet with the community, to inviting individuals who respond to the Prevention Plan to PPC meetings. Kathy Watt suggested the December, 2006 PPC meeting as a day of appreciation for the people on the front line, doing the work. Ricki Rosales recommended this issue be referred to the Operations Subcommittee or the Executive Subcommittee for further discussion.

- **Process to Prioritize Prevention Issues**

Ricki Rosales announced there will be a discussion on prevention issues and prioritizing prevention issues (how we can prioritize prevention issues, what we want to prioritize, and how to address them). We will also discuss policy issues regarding HIV prevention.

XII. DEVELOP/UPDATE WORK PLANS

Subcommittees broke out into the Evaluation, Operations and Standards and Best Practices to review/update 2004/2005 Work Plans and Identify Accomplishments.

- **Review Work Plans**
- **Complete Tasks**
- **Identify Accomplishments**

XIII. PRESENTATIONS FOR SUBCOMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Operations Subcommittee

Tim Young reported the Accomplishments for the Operations Subcommittee, which were: conducted New PPC Member Orientation, Developed New Strategies to Recruit PPC Members, and Developed a PPC Brochure to be released. For 2006, the Operations Subcommittee is looking to continue their recruitment efforts, looking at doing a marketing and outreach campaign, finalizing the details of the Mentoring Program, working on the Youth Leadership Institute, looking at developing a database to track PPC attendance, looking to target more youth and American Indian/Alaskan Natives, looking at providing more training for PPC members.

Evaluation Subcommittee

Diane Brown reported the Accomplishments for the Evaluation Subcommittee, which were: collection of primary data for individuals not in prevention services but possibly at risk for HIV (Needs Assessment) with proposed presentation in January, 2006 or February, 2006; completed data collection examining the needs of high risk heterosexual men with proposed presentation in January, 2006 or February, 2006. For the year 2006, the Evaluation Subcommittee intends to continue to collect Needs Assessment data or decide on a plan to collect Needs Assessment data, develop a plan to collect standardized risk assessment data county-wide, and develop and administer a PPC Member Survey and PPC Audience Survey.

Standards and Best Practices

Jeffrey King reported the Accomplishments for the Standards and Best Practices, which were: development of HIV Counseling and Testing Staffing Competencies, blended the HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Task Force with the Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) Task Force into the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee of the PPC, developed and forwarded recommendations on the Venue Based

Task Force to the PPC Executive Subcommittee, and define subcommittee chair and co-chairs roles [for 2006].

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tim Young announced in Orange County, Asian Pacific Islanders (APIs) MSM are the third largest group in terms of HIV infection.
- Ricki Rosales announced the City of Los Angeles Prevention Request for Proposal (RFP) was delayed and is expected to be released mid to late January, 2006.
- Jeffrey King announced In The Meantime's Mens Group, Inc. is working with Gentlemen's Gentlemen to collect socks, under clothing and blankets and purchase toiletries for gift bags for clients at the OASIS Clinic.
- Kathy Watt announced Club Freedom, a New Year's Event, on December 31st from 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM at West Hollywood Park.
- Ricki Rosales reminded the PPC members to leave the notebooks since they will be used at the January Annual Planning Meeting.

XV. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:06pm

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda order.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #2: Approve the Meeting Summary from the November 3, 2005 Meeting.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #3a: Open nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #3b: Close nominations for PPC Community Co-Chair	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #3c: Elect Kathy Watt as PPC Community Co-Chair	Ayes: Bunch, Giugni, Hendricks, Kieffer, King, Laubacher, Martinez, Ortega, Rivas, Rosales, Samone, Young, Zaldivar Opposed: None Abstentions: Green, Rumanes, Watt	Motion Passed Ayes: 13 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 3
MOTION #4: Extend Jeff Bailey's membership on UCHAPS	<i>Passes by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #5: Create/Develop an Ad-Hoc Task Force/Committee to work with the PPC to address African-American MSM issues.	<i>Passes by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
KEY DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS		
DISCUSSION #6: Request STD Programs to present INSPOTLA.ORG		
RECOMMENDATION #7: Operations Subcommittee includes in their Work Plan how to better market the PPC.		

NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.